

# INDIANS' PROTEST AGAINST MERRITT

Chiefs Meet and Play in Resolution Indian Rights' Association.

SLOAN THEIR FAVORITE

Copy of Memorial to Be Sent to the President to Reach Him To-morrow.

The executive board of the Indian Rights' Association was treated yesterday afternoon to an unmerciful flogging at the hands of the Indian chiefs of the different tribes now in Washington, who, following a council held in their headquarters in the National Hotel, adopted resolutions asking President Wilson to pay no heed to any representations that may be made by the association in regard to the appointment of E. B. Merritt as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The resolutions are couched in the plainest of words. It is said that the association has been neither authorized nor requested to speak for the Indians of the United States, and further, that it is "well known that the position of the Commissioner has been dictated and dominated by the association during the tenure of the last two Commissioners, resulting disastrously to the best interests of the Indian people."

The Indians themselves have decided on Thomas L. Sloan, of Nebraska, a member of the tribe of Omahas, as the man they wish to guard their interests, and have made a determined fight against the appointment of Mr. Merritt. Mr. Sloan is a lawyer and an Indian himself, a fact that the Indians feel would assure them of the justice they think has been denied them by the commissioners who have gone before.

The set of resolutions adopted yesterday will reach the President to-morrow morning, probably, and the assembled chiefs hope they may hear soon that their plea has found favor with "The Great Chief." The resolution reads:

"To the President of the United States: 'Whereas it has been brought to our attention as delegates of the various tribes of Indians now assembled here in the city of Washington at the present time that the executive board of the Indian Rights Association has presented to the President of the United States the name of E. B. Merritt for the appointment of Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and

"Whereas the Indian people of the United States have unanimously chosen and are urging a different candidate for the appointment of Indian Commissioner; and

"Whereas the action of the said executive board is contrary to the will and wish of the various tribes of the Indian people of the United States, it being well known to us that the position of Commissioner of Indian Affairs has been dictated and dominated by the said association during the tenure of the last two Commissioners, resulting disastrously to the best interests of the Indian people of the United States; and

"Whereas the Indian Rights Association has neither been authorized nor requested to speak for the Indian people of the United States; and

"Whereas the Indian people are aware that they have not had sufficient practical and effective benefits in the past from this association to justify the unwarranted assumption of this body to select the third Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and

"Whereas the personnel of the representative of the Indian Rights Association, delegated by it to stay in Washington to look after the supposed interests of the Indian people in legislative matters, has not been of such character and personality as to render their efforts effective;

"We, therefore, request the President to give no heed to any representations that may be made by the said association in relation to the appointment of Commissioner of Indian Affairs."

WEDS 75-YEAR-OLD WIDOW; NOW WANTS SHARE OF ESTATE

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The above photograph of the great financier's son was taken as he was testifying in the government's suit to dissolve the Steel Trust. Mr. Morgan testified himself to be the son of his father, the financier and successful businessman, who he evaded the pointed questions of the government's attorney, Dickinson, regarding the relations of the J. P. Morgan Company with the interests of Rockefeller and Carnegie.

## RAILROAD REPORTS FALSIFIED, SAYS CARTER

President of Firemen's Brotherhood Charges Statistics Submitted to Commission Are "Salted."

New York, March 15.—W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, today accused the fifty-four railroads with whom the firemen are in controversy, of having made false reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission. The charge was made during the hearing of the arbitration board, which is trying to adjust the differences between the railroads and the firemen. He questioned the accuracy of the statement by W. J. Lauck, the government expert, that the average increase in wages of firemen during the last two years had been 45 per cent.

"Mr. Lauck has been obliged to base his figures on reports in the Interstate Commerce Commission from the railroads," said Carter, "which were absolutely erroneous. It has been the custom for years for the railroads to make these reports, which do not account for all the employees. They report only the higher-priced men, leaving the part-time men out, and thus falsify the statistics which Mr. Lauck had to consult. In other words, Mr. Lauck had to work in a mine that had been salted."

YALE UNDERGRADUATES STRIKE SHARP BLOW AT SECRET SOCIETIES.

New Haven, Conn., March 15.—A petition or ultimatum to the three Yale secret societies, Bones, Keys, and Wolf's Head, asking for the abolition of the societies which have been the bulwark of secret society system for over half a century, was filed today in connection with their methods of election and management and choose their members on merit only, is being circulated among the members of the academic sophomore class and has received the signatures of all but two.

Before being presented to representatives of the societies the paper will be sent to the present freshmen class to sign. The petition asks that the junior fraternities be conducted as purely social organizations.

In this revolutionary attempt at reform, most men in the sophomore class who would be eligible for election a year from May have signed the petition, thereby pledging themselves not to accept elections unless the secrecy is done away with.

The cause that the men chosen for merit only is a blow at the long "family lines" which are on the roster of the societies. The movement is also against the influence of New York society men who have dictated several elections during the last few years, in accordance with a system adopted long ago.

## MEXICAN REBELS STILL IN THE FIELD

Advices to the State Department from Mexico City yesterday indicated that the Mexican government still has confidence that it will be able to restore order in all parts of the country.

It is planned to send an additional troop into the rebellious northern states of Coahuila and Sonora. From other information received, however, the department is further convinced that the Huerta government will have a difficult task on its hands in subduing the northern rebels.

In the south, all is reported quiet. It is estimated that altogether 20,000 rebels have laid down their arms since Gen. Huerta became President. Zapata is reported to have informed the government that he will obey the orders of Orozco, who is in Mexico City in conference with the Federal government authorities.

Cassius E. Gillette, an American owner of mines in Mexico, called on Secretary of State Bryan yesterday to urge the immediate recognition of the Huerta government by the United States. Mr. Gillette said that recognition of the new government would assist Gen. Huerta in his task of restoring order throughout the republic.

## STUDENTS "KIDNAP" HOUSTON.

Secretary of Agriculture Greeted at Train by College Boys.

St. Louis, Mo., March 15.—David F. Houston, newly appointed Secretary of Agriculture, was kidnapped by a delegation of Washington University students on his arrival from Washington to take a tour of the city and in a touring car whisked out to the university of which he was chancellor until his appointment.

Dr. Houston hardly had greeted Mrs. Houston and Robert S. Brookings, president of the Washington University Corporation, when a party of students, led by Lee McCarthy, president of the student council, grasped the former "prexy" by the arms and virtually carried him through the midway. Nearly 100 students and the university band were on hand to greet him.

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